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HAS MR. MAXWELL A DOUBLE?

All the Facts Indicate That He and His Alleged Cousin Are One and the Same.

IS MISS ROSALIE GOTTLIEB MARRIED?

Some Conflicting Statements—A Letter to The Times Purporting to Be from G. S. Maxwell—His Departure From This City Simultaneously With That of Miss and Mrs. Gottlieb—The Similarity in Two Signatures.

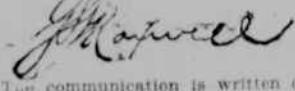
New complications in the strange disappearance of Mr. George S. Maxwell, until recently general manager of the Mason Telephone Company, were developed yesterday to such extent as to throw a veil of mystery over the whole affair, and now it has assumed the shape of one of the most remarkable problems with which reporters, newspaper correspondents, and a detective or two have wrestled for many a day.

That there are two men, cousins of each other, by the name of George S. Maxwell, both exactly alike in appearance, both connected with the telephone business, both having from Louisville, Ky., and both abruptly leaving the city, and so successfully concerning their whereabouts, seems to be little less than preposterous. Yet, there has been a strong effort made by the former manager of the Mason Telephone Company, or by his double, to produce that impression upon the public. All efforts to trace the George S. Maxwell, who recently left this city under peculiar circumstances have failed, and whether he or any other George S. Maxwell was in reality married to Miss Rosalie Gottlieb, or this city, has not been established.

A VERY STRANGE LETTER.

The Times of yesterday received a very singular letter, which only serves to thicken the plot. The letter is postmarked and dated, "Toronto, Canada," and is written under date of November 6. On the back of the envelope are these words: "After ten days, return to G. S. Maxwell, Louisville, Ky."

The letter is written in a small, hurried hand, totally unlike a business man's chirography, and looks more like the hand of a woman. The exact signature of the letter is this:



Here is an exact copy of the signature of the man who registered at the Exchange on October 6th:

Trusting you will give this communication consideration and do what you can to right a wrong done to innocent people.

"I am, yours truly,
G. S. MAXWELL."

ANALYSIS OF THE LETTER.

There are several points about this letter that might be brought out. In the first place, the letter is written in a flowing hand, and expressed in a manner which would not suggest from a man who had not been educated. It may be presumed that Mr. Maxwell was an educated man. He states that he is an inventor. Inventors of telephone devices can usually spell, capitalize and punctuate correctly, not to speak of proper expression and paragraphing. The letter is noticeably deficient in these various respects. As to Mr. G. S. Maxwell being from Louisville, and residing with his wife and children at the St. Claire Hotel, there are some strange things connected with that feature of the case. Mr. George S. Maxwell, manager of the Mason Telephone Company, came to Richmond on April 23d last, and applied for a writ of habeas corpus for himself, as his family was in a great hurry to catch the 2:30 P. M. train for Petersburg, and in the rush asked the hotel clerk to register his name, which was done. Consequently there is no signature of Mr. Maxwell on the St. Claire Hotel clerk as a slender man, about six feet high, with black hair, black moustache, dark eyes, dark, somewhat sallow, complexion, and a nervous manner. He was in and out at the hotel from time to time, and appeared to be a man who travelled on business. The hotel people did not think anything of his absence when he stayed away two or three days at the time. Whether he spent the night regularly at the St. Claire was not known, but he took his meals there with some degree of regularity.

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Mr. O'Ferrall's decision to keep the Lunenburg prisoners in the county is based on the opinion of the Attorney-General, but there was every reason to believe that if he knew Major Scott's views in regard to the prisoners he would have ordered to have the prisoners in court. Besides, there was another fact to be considered. The responsibility of the attorney-general over the Lunenburg prisoners is one of the prisoners, Mary, who is the only one of the prisoners, it is very doubtful whether she could safely undertake the trip under such peculiar surroundings. All that counsel for the prisoners asked for the woman to have kept here until they could communicate with Judge Orgain as to the position taken by the Attorney-General.

Mr. O'Ferrall took the ground that the court had no jurisdiction in the matter, inasmuch as it was subordinate to Judge Orgain, of the Lunenburg County Court, and that the opinion of the Attorney-General, logically, was still in the custody of the Sheriff of Lunenburg county, while de facto they were in the jail of the city of Richmond for safe-keeping. In his opinion, the condition of safety in the Lunenburg County Court was necessary, inasmuch as a motion was to be heard in regard to a change of or removal of the bailiffs in the cause of the attorney-general had nothing to do with the case, and Mr. Neblett, the Commonwealth's Attorney of Lunenburg county, was the only one who had been after the prisoners, and no other court could interfere with them and prevent them from being taken from the jail.

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